Rehabilitation of persons unemployed due to closure of textile units

2419. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons rendered unemployed by closure of textile units;

(b) the number of persons rehabilitated during the past three years; and

(c) the details of schemes implemented for rehabilitation of retrenched workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) As on 31st October, 2005 there were 3,42,048 workers on the rolls of closed textile mills.

(b) During the last three years, 4621 workers have been paid relief to the extent of Rs. 13.21 crore.

(c) The Government of India has formulated the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with effect from 15th September, 1986 to give interim relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of the textile mills. Relief under the scheme is available only for three years on a tapering basis-75% of the wage equivalent in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year. The mills closed on or after 6.6.1985 are covered under the Scheme. This scheme is not applicable to the State/Central Government Public Sector Undertakings and the textile units in the cooperative fold of the State/Central Government.

Design centre at Madurai

2420. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether design centres have been set up at different locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such centre is being set up at Madurai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and